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AMONG THE CHURCHES

Congregational Church

REV. ROBERT LAWTON, Pastor
Sunday Services
10:45 a.m. Sermon by the Pastor.
12 m. Sunday School.
7:00 p.m. Sermon by the Pastor.
Week-day Services
Tuesday 4:00 p.m. Junior C. E.
Tuesday 7:15 p.m. Y. P. S. C. E.
Thursday 7:30 p.m. Prayermeeting.

Methodist Church

REV. O. E. BARNARD, Pastor.
Preaching service 11 a.m.
Sunday School 12:15 p.m.
Junior League, 3 p.m., Saturday.
Epworth League service 6 p.m.
Punching Service, 7 p.m.
Prayer Service, Thursday evening, 7:30.

Christ Church

REV. H. CHADWICK BURT, Rector
Morning service at 11 o'clock.
Sunday school at 12 o'clock.

Fell Into Pond

One night last week, a well known fireman on the Grand Trunk, essayed to cross the pond, thinking to cut off some distance thereby. He was laden with a 20 lb. pail of lard and an automobile tire, the latter around his neck. When nearing the shore the ice broke, but he was able to reach terra firma safely and, aside from wetting the lard, felt no ill effects from his immersion.

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SERIOUS BLAZE NARROWLY AVERTED

Early Tuesday morning one of the G. T. employees discovered that the large pile of cinders which has been allowed to accumulate from the creamery, was afire; when discovered, it had already caught the building. The night men at the station were immediately summoned and a line of hose was quickly laid. After a sharp fight of thirty minutes the fire was under control. No alarm was given. This town may consider itself fortunate in having so many citizens who are always ready and willing to assist at fires, day or night, whether they are members of the fire company or not; but wouldn't it be better if the town fathers would make an occasional inspection and eliminate some of the fire traps? This could be done at a small expense and might be the means of saving the town thousands of dollars.

The careless practice of piling ashes against a wooden building or storing them in barrels in the cellar is known to have caused many fires. Chimneys not cleaned or looked after are other sources of danger, especially in this community where so much wood is used for fuel.

So let us take a step in the right direction and try to correct these faults and bring the danger of a serious fire to a minimum.

ANNUAL MEETING OF W.C.T.U.

White Ribboner's Yearly Meeting Held at Home of Mrs. Randall

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union was with Mrs. H. E. Randall last Tuesday afternoon with a large number of members and guests present.

The meeting opened in form and the Roll Call response was "What Can I Do for the Society Another Year?" Subject of meeting: "Prisoners." The paper on "Prisoners," "How Much Does Imprisonment Effect a Cure", read by Mrs. Barnard and Mrs. Danforth were of much interest, especially, showing up how much the discharged prisoners need help and encouragement to get a new start in right living. Miss Lott Davis read an article on the history of our national song "The Star Spangled Banner", and what inspired its author, Francis Scott Keyes, to write it. This was much enjoyed as well as the piano solos by Miss Edith Sadleir.

The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer showed that the interest in this branch of Temperance work has been very good. It is expected that the popular National Temperance lecturer, Miss Lillian Phelps, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., will be in Island Pond during the Spring and give a lecture under the auspices of the W. C. T. U.

The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:—

President, Mrs. Mary Randall; Vice-President, Miss Annie Blake; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Arthur Danforth. This closed the program for the afternoon; during the social hour refreshments were served.

Seven Stitches Taken

Brakeman Omar Lurvey met with a painful accident last Thursday while switching in the Gorham yards. He was hanging on the side of the train "kicking" a car when he was struck by a stub switch and knocked to the ground. His head struck a tie, rendering him unconscious. Seven stitches were necessary to close a scalp wound he received.

LOCAL NEWS

Judge Carl of Canaan, held Probate Court here Wednesday.

E. J. Payeur has purchased a Ford touring car, trading in his runabout.

Mrs. C. D. Thurston who has been in Gorham for some time, has returned home.

The listers have been busy the last week taking an inventory of taxable property in town.

FINISHES WORK

Lawmakers in Session 88 Days, a Month Less Than 2 Years Ago—Many Important Changes Made

SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

In Lewis Carroll's "Adventures of Alice in Wonderland" one will recall that

"The time has come, the Walrus said, To talk of many things; Of ships and shoes and sealing wax And cabbages and kings!"

Briefly, I must now refer to as many subjects in a final legislative review. After the rather stormy and turbulent day and night of Friday the end came peacefully at ten o'clock Saturday forenoon. It was about three o'clock Saturday morning when the business of the session was finally ended, after which a recess was taken to ten to permit the fall of the gavel in due and ancient form. The business of the last day and night was conducted deliberately and without friction, and a look backward after the grand finale appeared to give the membership a fair amount of satisfaction. Everybody had distinguished himself in some little or larger way, according to his more or less vaulting ambition, and could take a backward look over the things which had been accomplished and call it reasonably good. Everybody had performed some little or larger act of legislative accomplishment, and returned to his home with the feeling that a very large amount of important work had been fairly well done. Of course most of them could point to a few matters here and there which might have been improved if the individual had had his own unrestricted way, but on the whole there was enough of excellent performance to go round and then have something to spare.

As soon as it became definitely known that the day and hour of adjournment had been finally fixed, everybody got busy with a will, and there was not the least difficulty in making a clean-up and with time to spare. In considering this fact I have many times wondered why the general assembly could not have imbued itself with this spirit after the first few weeks of the session? If had been—or if such a mental condition and ambition were possible—a session of fifty working days would be entirely sufficient in which to transact all the work of a biennial session thoroughly and efficiently. But, the first six weeks of a session is very largely occupied in feeling its way. It is like a flock of sheep in a strange pasture. Its environment is wholly strange, and—regardless of the fact that committees are named and the members are given their work—yet they are largely occupied in trying to familiarize themselves with their surroundings and exploring the lot, so to speak. They are new to the place, to the building, to the work which is such a departure from their usual avocations; they are looking out of the corners of their eyes at each other, and are for weeks trying to get their feet under them for the practical and sensible conduct of the real valuable labors of the session. They are mostly occupied in sizing each other up, and finding out what that contraption is in the washroom over the bowls where the liquid soap is kept. It takes some time for a herd of cattle in a strange lot to sniff the new location and reassure themselves that it is safe and proper to get down to feeding contentedly, and in this respect we are all alike.

As I have said before, from an experience of fifteen sessions I never knew one made up of better or more servicable raw material, and many much its inferior in respect to latent ability and sound sense. It did

thoroughly well and worked most efficiently—after it found out how. As a body it was honest and conscientious with its paramount desire the best good of Vermont, and if the same identical men—with perhaps one exception—could be sent back here two years hence the state would have such an efficiently working legislature as may have been dreamed of but which never has and never will be. But, "pity 'tis 'tis true," this is something which never can be realized.

The eternal and splendid truth that "men are only children of a larger growth" was exemplified during the closing dozen hours of the session by the horse-play in which many of the lighter hearted members engaged, and the results of it were seen—and sometimes felt—on all sides. It seems as if all the confetti—all colors of paper cut into infinitesimal pieces—in the country must have been secured by some of the members and used in a general bombardment of each other and as far as possible everybody else who came within range of their activities. Scuffling and skylarking was frequently being carried on by couples and bunches in every direction, hats were smashed, clothing wrrenched and bent all out of shape, and the floors of the legislative halls, the corridors and the committee rooms were littered into seas of rubbish by the confetti, scraps of newspapers, sections of billbooks and anything else which came handy and would serve the purpose of a missile. Not infrequently, as the hour grew later—or earlier—a more painful article of bric-a-brac would hurtle through the air and impinge on the noble brow or listening ear of some statesman, and more than one or two wore adhesive plaster home with them as a relic of friendship's farewell. Consequent on this jovial and exuberant spirit, when the hour of adjournment finally arrived the entire interior of the building was the despair of the sweepers and would have reminded a stray Belgian of his devastated fatherland. But all's well that ends well, and the capitol yet stands.

During the last ten days of the session, when time was fleeting and the finishing post was in sight, largely increased and harmonic effort brought good results which had been previously despaired of. Members of both Houses got together in a spirit of concord and harmony, and the fine legislative team-work produced unexpected results. The effect of such energetic and well-directed action is seen in the finish of the primary law, which was enacted practically in accordance with the original intention, in the final draft of the taxation measure, the bill to simplify court procedure—tho this failed in some minor respects to carry out the full spirit of the reform—the workmen's compensation law, the bill to reorganize and extend the jurisdiction of municipal courts, the new and sweeping educational law, the large improvements in the Fish and Game legislation, and the measure adopted in the closing hours providing for a certain extension and addition for the capitol. Other measures of equal moment in a more restricted respect were also perfected and put through, and every worthy bill was given its day in court and almost invariably emerged triumphant.

In respect to the \$150,000 appropriation for an extension of the rooming facilities of the capitol, this should be noted with pride and sat-

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HISTORICAL SKETCHES OF ESSEX CO.

Taken from the Vermont Gazetteer, Published in the Year 1862

(Continued from last week)

The oldest person deceased in town was Enos Bishop, the oldest now living is Noah Emery, aged 76 years.

I know of none from Brighton who were in the war of 1812, and but one (Andrew Foster) who was in the Mexican war. He has again shouldered his gun for the defence of his government.

As the sound of the first gun at Fort Sumpter came booming thru the valleys and over the hills of New England, the hardy sons of Brighton rose en masse, called Union meetings and, without distinction of party, pledged their money, their influence, and their lives to the sustaining of the old Union flag. When the President called for volunteers, they responded with alacrity. With only 128 voters in town, 98 liable to do military duty, and a large portion engaged upon the railroad, no less than 53 enlisted for three years, nearly all of whom are yet on the tented field under Gen. McClellan. (At the time this was written.)

The following are their names, with the companies and regiments to which they belong:

[Third Regiment]
Co. D.—William M. Currier, Andrew Foster, Jeremiah Bishop, wounded, Chester Beesey, Arthur Libby, William Bonney, James Doyle, H. M. Hartwell, died, Charles Partlow, Solomon G. Heaton, William Corel, Geo. W. Currier, Jeremiah Percival, John Larkin, Alonzo J. Currier, Orlando Stevens, killed, Isaac S. Currier, Joseph S. Currier, Jerome Bishop, Mike Smith, Charles Dinsmore, Peter Danforth, killed, Russell Stevens, Calvin Stevens, George Robinson, Co.—

Co. F.—Charles D. Winslow, R. H. Rowell, wounded.

Co. I.—James Wells, D. S. Hastings, William Toothacher, Miles Stone.

[Fourth Regiment]
Co. D.—J. N. Whitman, J. D. Rowell, J. Mahuron.

[Eighth Regiment]
Co. K.—A. J. Howard, B. P. Howard, George Gilman, William Petrie, John Petrie, Hooper D. Straut, John E. Woodsman, Edward Price, Lyman Perham, George Morse, Arthur M. Raymond, Charles Hartwell. Charles Horr, Co.—

[Tenth Regiment]
Co. A.—Joseph F. Tyler, Charles W. Mason, Joseph Brown, Joseph Maxfield, Isaac Crooker, Thomas Richardson, James Hickie.

A large portion were in Co. D, of the 3d Vermont Regiment, which so gallantly crossed the river at Lee's Mills and, with two other companies of the same regiment, drove two regiments of the rebels from their works and maintained their position.

CHURCH BURNED AT NORTH STRATFORD

Already stunned by the loss of one of its old homes but two weeks before, North Stratford was still further oppressed last Sunday when it found its beloved and historic Baptist Church in flames. Not only the loss of the Church but the danger to surrounding homes caused much alarm; at least half a dozen other buildings on Main street were ignited by sparks.

Although the one hydrant and 300 feet of hose available were inadequate, the willingness and hearty efforts of the men of the village and Bloomfield saved other property

for some time against ten times their number, and when ordered to fall back across the river maintained their order and contested the ground inch by inch. In the language of their General, "Vermont has well sustained her reputation for bravery and her sons have shown themselves worthy of being the descendants of Ethan Allen."

In that battle Jeremiah Bishop and R. H. Rowell were severely wounded, Peter Danforth and Orlando Stevens killed, the only ones injured who went from Brighton. Young Stevens was the eldest son of widow Stevens who deserves a passing notice. Mrs. Stevens was left a widow nine years ago with five children, three sons and two daughters—the eldest eleven and the youngest three years of age. All the estate left them was a few acres of land under good cultivation, on which was a comfortable house and barn. She managed to cultivate her little patch of ground, the avails of which, together with what she could earn by working out, a part of the time nursing the sick, cooking for hotels, etc., was sufficient to clothe her children, and send them to school until the oldest boy could be spared a portion of the time to work out in summer and attend school in winter. Thus she managed to live until the rebellion broke out.

To be continued

Easter Ball

Tinker's Orchestra again visited town and the Easter Ball given in Opera Hall, Monday evening, by this musical organization must be classed with their previous successes here.

A large crowd were on hand for the concert, and voted it the best heard in some time. Mr. and Mrs. Tinker gave an exhibition of the modern dances and were well received. At the conclusion of the concert dancing was enjoyed until a late hour.

Governor Gates has appointed John S. Sweeney, former postmaster here, to the position of Supervisor of the unorganized territory of Essex County.

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